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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Legislation to Expedite Naturalization of U.S.
Intelligence Sources - Letter to Senator
Simpson

1. Attached for your review and signature is a letter to Senator Simpson requesting favorable consideration for legislation expediting the naturalization of certain United States intelligence sources. This legislation is contained in Title V of S. 1271, the Senate version of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1986 which is currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee, specifically the Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy which Senator Simpson chairs. As Senator Kennedy is the ranking minority member on the Subcommittee, an identical letter to him for your signature has also been prepared.

2. The referral was for thirty days the Senate is in session and, we expect that the referral period will expire near the end of July (the actual date of expiration will depend on how often the Senate is in session over the next two weeks).

3. Initially, we had not anticipated problems in obtaining Senate Judiciary Committee concurrence in the legislation. Senate staff from both Judiciary and the SSCI have informally indicated, however, that Senator Simpson has expressed reservations about the legislation. We are not certain at this point whether this reflects the Senator's own position or simply staff opposition. In any event, we think it important to act now to deflate what staff opposition there may be and to enlist the Senator's support directly. The letter will do this by demonstrating the Agency's direct interest in the legislation and by offering to personally brief the Senator.

4. In connection with this, we understand that Representative Cheney, a strong supporter of this legislation in the House, plans to contact Senator Simpson to enlist his support.

5. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have on this matter.

/s/Charles A. Briggs
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The Honorable Alan K. Simpson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee
Policy
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in support of Title V of S. 1271, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1986" (Senate Report No. 99-79, pp.8-13). The Committee on the Judiciary has Title V before it for consideration as part of the sequential referral established for S. 1271. This legislation would expedite the naturalization of certain United States intelligence sources. I believe, for the reasons set forth below, that this legislation is most needed, and I therefore ask for your support in obtaining favorable consideration for it by the Subcommittee and the Committee.

The human intelligence collection capabilities of the United States Government would be greatly enhanced if it could offer secure and expeditious naturalization to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the national intelligence mission. This capability would work to encourage such contributions in the future, as well as permit the recognition of those persons who have already rendered important service in this area. As you know, enhancement of our human collection capabilities is of critical importance in our efforts to deal with the threats posed to our national security by terrorist organizations.

Unfortunately, several residency and procedural requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act stand in the way of such expedited naturalization. Title V of S. 1271 would rectify this situation. It would establish a system (similar to the system established by Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949) whereby the Director of Central Intelligence, the Attorney General and the Commissioner

of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, could waive those requirements (and only those requirements) for an individual who has made a significant contribution to the national intelligence mission.

I believe that this legislation represents an important step in this Administration's efforts to enhance our intelligence collection capabilities. The Department of Justice, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service, support its enactment. I commend it to you for what I hope will be your favorable consideration.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has advised that the submission of this report is consistent with the President's legislative program.

This same information is also being provided to Senator Kennedy. Charles A. Briggs, Director of the Agency's Office of Legislative Liaison , and other appropriate Agency officials would be pleased to brief you in more detail on this legislation at your convenience should you so request.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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Director of Central Intelligence

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